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1. REVISED TEXT OF IRANIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/C.2/L.1447/REV.1) IS TRANSMITTED BELOW AS PARAGRAPH 4. TWO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF EARLIER VERSION DEALING WITH FINANCIAL QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN DELETED AND WILL INSTEAD BECOME BASIS FOR DRAFT DECISION ORIGINATING FIFTH COMMITTEE.

2. PER POOLE/BACHE TELECON NOVEMBER 14, MISSION OFFICERS PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE FOR 5TH COMMITTEE DECISION CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 5 BELOW. THIS TEXT HAS BEEN CIRCULATED INFORMALLY TO NETHERLANDS, UK, SWEDISH, AND IRANIAN DELS AS WELL AS UNDRO SECRETARIAT, WITH REQUEST FOR COMMENTS EARLY NOVEMBER 17.

3. MEANWHILE, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ON NOVEMBER 17 SO THAT TEXT CAN BE CIRCULATED OFFICIALLY AND FIFTH COMMITTEE CAN TAKE EARLY DECISION.

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4. QUOTE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF

CO-ORDINATOR: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

BANGLADESH, CHAD, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, ETHIOPIA, GRENADA, INDIA,
IRAN, KENYA MADAGASCAR, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, PERU, PORTUGAL, SOMALIA,
SUDAN, TURKEY AND YEMEN: REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION

ASSISTANCE IN CASES OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND OTHER DISASTER
SITUATIONS

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2816 (XXVI) OF
14 DECEMBER 1971, 3152 (XXVIII) OF 14 DECEMBER 1973 AND
3243 (XXIX) OF 29 NOVEMBER 1974,
RECALLING PARAGRAPH 14 OF SECTION II OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION
3362 (S-VII) OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1975,
RECALLING ALSO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1972 (LIX) OF
30 JULY 1975,
RECOGNIZING THAT NATURAL DISASTERS CONSTITUTE A DEVELOP-
MENT PROBLEM OF GREAT MAGNITUDE REQUIRING
MAXIMUM USE OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR THE
PREVENTION AND MITIGATION OF SUCH CALAMITIES,
AWARE THAT THE OFFICE OF UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF
CO-ORDINATOR (UNDRO), IN ADDITION TO BEING STRENGTHENED AS
PROVIDED FOR IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3243 (XXIX),
SHOULD BE GIVEN REQUISITE MEANS TO TAKE MORE EFFECTIVE AND
CONTINUING ACTION AGAINST DISASTERS, INCLUDING EMERGENCY RELIEF,
DISASTER PREVENTION AND PRE-DISASTER PLANNING AND PROMOTION
OF DISASTER PREVENTION ACTIVITIES,
TAKING NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF THE REPORT OF THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF UNDRO (A/
10079 AND CORR. 1 AND ADD. 1) AND THE STATEMENT MADE TO
THE SECOND COMMITTEE BY THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF
CO-ORDINATOR ON THE WORK OF HIS OFFICE, AS WELL AS THE
RELATED REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND
BUDGETARY QUESTIONS (A/10008/ADD.5),
1. DECIDES TO EXPAND THE EXISTING TRUST FUND SET UP IN
PURSUANCE OF RESOLUTION 3243 (XXIX) SO AS TO FULFIL THE FOLLOWING
PURPOSES: (A) TO PROVIDE INSTANTLY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
FOR COUNTRIES STRICKEN BY NATURAL DISASTER OR OTHER DISASTER
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(B) TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENTS FOR
THE ELABORATION OF NATIONAL PLANS FOR NATURAL DISASTERS
PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS;
(C) TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPABILITY OF THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED
NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR;
2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ESTABLISH AN HONORARY
COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF DISTINGUISHED PERSONS PARTICULARLY IN-
TERESTED IN AND CONCERNED WITH DISASTER RELIEF

TO ASSIST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN MOBILIZING FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR DISASTER-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND TO ADVISE AND COUNSEL HIM IN THIS REGARD;

3. INVITES ALL STATES TO MAKE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EXPANDED FUND IN ORDER TO PERMIT IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE, SIGNIFICANT AND CONTINUING ACTION BY THE CO-ORDINATOR TO HELP DISASTER-STRICKEN AND DISASTER-PRONE COUNTRIES;

4. FURTHER INVITES ALL STATES TO ENCOURAGE THE SETTING UP OF NATIONAL FUND-RAISING COMMITTEES TO PROMOTE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER-RELATED ACTIVITIES, BEARING IN MIND THE CO-ORDINATING ROLE OF UNDRO;

5. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANS AND OTHER BODIES CONCERNED TO CO-OPERATE WITH UNDRO IN THE FORMULATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR DISASTER PREVENTION AND IN DUE TIME TO ASSIST IT IN THE DISSEMINATION OF THE RESULTS ACHIEVED;

6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-FIRST SESSION AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION.

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5. QUOTE PROPOSED DECISION OF FIFTH COMMITTEE UN DISASTER RELIEF

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

1. TAKES NOTE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT (A/C.5/1688) AND THE REPORT OF THE ACABQ THERON (A/10008/ADD.5);

2. DECIDES TO ESTABLISH TWO NEW SUB-ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE EXISTING VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3243 (XXIX) FOR STRENGTHENING UNDRO WITH SEPARATE TARGET FIGURE FOR THE BIENNIUM
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1976/77 OF :

A) \$400,000 TO AUGMENT THE FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER THE REGULAR BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, AND

B) \$600,000 FOR PROGRAM COSTS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PRE-DISASTER PLANNING AND PREVENTION;

3. AUTHORIZES THE SECRETARY GENERAL, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF VOLUNTARY FUNDS AS REFERRED TO ABOVE, TO INCREASE PROGRESSIVELY UP TO \$30,000 THE AMOUNT OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PER COUNTRY FOR ANY ONE DISASTER.

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